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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The Government have not got the information but have called for it."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to defer collection of rent until survey and settlement are made and then collect rents only at the rates obtaining in the adjacent ryotwari villages? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have nothing more to add to what I have already said."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the villages are ryotwari or come under permanent settlement? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I said I have no information. I must say this reply applies to all questions *mutatis mutandis*."

*Salary of teachers.*

* 224 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend to revive the order insisting on the Managers of Aided Elementary Schools to pay the increased salary of Rs. 3 to the teachers;

(b) if not, what are the measures that the Government propose to take to make good this sum of Rs. 3 to the teachers; and

(c) whether the Government propose to extend wholly or in part the concession given to N.G.Os. and Local Board Employees regarding education and medical treatment to Aided School teachers?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) The matter is under consideration.

" (c) The educational concessions recently sanctioned to the children of Non-Gazetted Officers have been extended to the children of the teachers in aided schools also. There is a proposal under consideration to grant free medical aid to N.G.Os. and their families and extend the concession to employees of local boards only. It is not the intention of Government to extend the grant of medical concessions, which is under consideration, to the teachers in aided schools."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this is pending before the Government for a long time, will they arrive at a decision early? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this matter is under active consideration and a decision is expected to be arrived at before long."

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SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that schools are not business propositions, will the Government consider the question of not pressing on the management of aided schools to bear additional expenditure on this account?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this order asking aided schools to add Rs. 3 as their part of the expenditure is at present kept in abeyance and the matter is being considered by the Government."

11-20 a.m. SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the Managers get the acquittance of the teachers without paying them their pay?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have heard such allegations the other day on the floor of the House and I said the Government would go into the question. One or two instances that came to my knowledge are under investigation."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" Will the Government arrange to make this payment through the District Educational Officers direct to prevent frauds?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have already said, the Government are actively considering how to arrange for this payment to the teachers."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Did the Government take any action against the Managers of aided elementary schools when they threatened to close down the schools when the Government asked them to pay an additional Rs. 3 to their teachers?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government at that time considered two alternative methods. One was withdrawal of recognition. The other was withholding part of the teaching grant and giving it to the teachers. But in view of the very difficult situation that arose when the Managers threatened to close down the schools, the previous Government held this order under abeyance. The whole matter is being reconsidered now."

*Abolition of Food Production Committees.*

* 225 *Q.*—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to abolish the Food Production Committees in all the districts in view of the abolition of Food Controls?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no such proposal."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Are the Government aware that in the City of Madras a great deal of hardship is caused to the people who have lost their ration cards and may I know what steps the Government propose to take?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member is completely on the wrong track; this question does not relate to that at all."